EPA Wooldridge Boats

EPA purchased two Wooldridge boats in June of 2005, one 20' and one 17'. Both boats are built to support EPA sampling needs. The 20' boat was built to support EPA Region 10 dive operations both in terms of size and features. The 20' boat includes the following specific features:

- 1. 3/16" hull thickness;
- 2. 50 gallon fuel tank;
- 3. canvas top and sides;
- 4. swim step;
- 5. cut transom for swim step (port side);
- 6. dive ladder;
- 7. Tank racks for 10 tanks;
- 8. GPS Mount for Garmin 276c (no external antenna);
- 9. GPS Plotter/Sounder: Furuno GP1650WF GPS Plotter;
- 10. VHF Radio: Icom M422 Marine VHF;
- 11. 25 gallon freshwater tank, pump, sink to support potable water diver decon;
- 12. 3' long storage box under upholstered seat;
- 13. 1250 gph bilge pumps;
- 14. 150 hp Honda primary; 9.9 hp Honda kicker trolling motor; and
- 15. EZ load trailer.

The 17' boat is not specifically built to support diving; it has no swim step, no cut transom for entry/egress, no Garmin GPS mount for ease of uploading/downloading waypoints, and lacks the potable water tank/pump decon assembly to support polluted water diving. The 17' boat is a jet boat, and can travel in as little as 4 inches of water. The 20' Wooldridge, driven by a conventional outboard, requires almost 3' of water for travel.